House Resolution No. 35

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Barbara Ryczek, a teacher at Burke Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri, will receive a \$100 check from SuccessLink for her lesson plan that was chosen as one of the "top ten" for the month of December 2003; and

Whereas, mandated by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 and funded through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, SuccessLink locates Missouri's best practices, lesson plans, and classroom ideas to share with teachers throughout the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, SuccessLink has posted more than two thousand lessons created by Missouri teachers, aligned to state standards and posted freely on the Internet, that are used daily in Missouri classrooms to improve student achievement; and

Whereas, Barbara Ryczek and other busy teachers are able to share lesson plans through SuccessLink, which averages more than 150,000 hits each month on its website; and

Whereas, Barbara Ryczek has played an integral role in the educational development and success of her many students at Burke Elementary School, where she is known and respected for her patience, pleasant attitude, and genuine concern for her students; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Barbara Ryczek, a stellar educator whose quality lesson plan will be utilized in other Missouri classrooms to improve student achievement:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Barbara Ryczek at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara Ryczek, as a mark of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 35, adopted January 12, 2004.